

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

court, may be entered, heard, and tried, and all civil and criminal matters remaining unfinished, on the docket of said court, may be heard, tried, and completed, by any judge of said court duly appointed and qualified.

[Approved April 15, 1854.]

CHAP. 85.

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Chapter 85.

An act to amend the sixty-third section of the one hundred and nineteenth chapter of the revised statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

The sixty-third section of the one hundred and nineteenth chapter of the revised statutes shall be amended in the twenty-first line, by inserting, after the word "labor," and before the word "for," "or for that of his wife or minor children."

Case in which a person shall not be adjudged a trustee.

[Approved April 15, 1854.]

Chapter 86.

An act additional to chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the laws of Maine, in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes in unincorporated places, approved August fourteen, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The treasurer of state shall, on the last Wednesday of September next, and annually thereafter, sell at public sale, and convey by deed to the highest bidder, all tracts of land lying in unincorporated townships, which have been or may be hereafter forfeited to the state, for state taxes, or county taxes, which have been or may be hereafter certified to the treasurer according to law; notice of which sale shall be given by publishing the time, place, and list of tracts to be sold, three weeks successively, within three months of the time of sale, in the state paper, and in some paper published in the county where the same lie, if any there be; but no tract shall be sold for a sum less than the amount of all state and county taxes, certified as aforesaid, which are then due and payable upon such tract, together with the charges and interest, at the rate of twenty per cent. per annum, after one year from the date of the assessment thereof.

Lands forfeited for state taxes, sale of.

—notice and terms of sale.

CHAP. 86.

Lands forfeited
for state taxes,
proceeds of
sales, how
disposed of.

—redemption of.

—record of
sale of.

Lands forfeited
for road taxes,
sale of.

Taxes assessed
prior to 1849,
not affected by
this act.

SECT. 2. If any tract shall be sold for a larger sum than the amount so due, the surplus shall be held by the state to be paid to the owner whose right has been forfeited, upon due proof to the governor and council of such ownership: *provided* that any owner, or part owner, may pay his proportional part of the taxes, charges and interest, as aforesaid, upon any tract, to the state treasurer before sale; or redeem the same at any time within one year after such sale, by paying or tendering to the purchaser his proportion of what said purchaser paid for the same at the treasurer's sale, with interest thereon at the rate of twenty per cent. per annum, from the time of such sale, and the cost of re-conveyance. All amounts of county taxes and interest thereon, received by the treasurer of state, either by sale or payment, shall be credited by him to the counties to which the same may belong, and paid over to the several treasurers thereof in the same manner as is now provided by law.

SECT. 3. The treasurer of state is hereby required to make a record of his doings touching any sale under this act; and a certified copy thereof may be used in evidence in the trial of any matter in law or equity growing out of such sale, and shall be deemed and taken to be conclusive of the facts recited therein.

SECT. 4. In case no person shall appear to bid off and pay all road taxes, interest and charges due upon any tract which may be ordered for sale by the county treasurer of any county under the provisions of section eighth of the act to which this is additional, such tract or township shall become forfeited to the county in which the same may lie, subject only to the lien of the state for state taxes due thereon, and shall be subject to be redeemed by payments to the county treasurer in the same manner as is provided for the redemption of lands forfeited to the state by payments to the state treasurer.

SECT. 5. This act shall not be construed to affect any taxes assessed prior to eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 15, 1854.]